Indian Airlines makes refund against lost domestic ticket within a specified period after completion of necessary formalities. Refund against lost international ticket is, however, made on the spot.

Cess for Bangalore Airport Project

2432. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought the clearance for collecting a cess of Rs. 100 per passenger for the proposed Bangalore Airport Project; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Government of Karnataka has sought the approval of Central Government for the levy of a fee of Rs. 100 per user at the existing airport in Bangalore to help in meeting the State Government's financial support requirements for the proposed Bangalore Interna- tional Airport.

(b) No final decision has been taken in this regard?

Sales Tax exemption to Foreign Airlines on ATF Purchases

2433. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on exempting the foreign airlines from payment of sales tax on ATF purchases;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge amount of arrears have accumulated on account of non-payment of taxes because of the twin factors of levy of taxes;

(c) whether the domestic airlines are also expected to benefit from such exemption from payment of taxes on ATF;

(d) whether it will have any impact on the fares being reduced by the domestic airlines; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A Bill has been introduced in Parliament to enact a legislation under Article 253 of the Constitution to exempt from all duties and taxes, the fuel and lubricants uplifted